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## **“CAROLINA CASH 5” TICKET WORTH \$337,000 SOLD IN DURHAM**

-Four Other Winners Collect Big Prizes Playing Powerball and “Merry Money”-

**RALEIGH** – It is a happy holiday for several people holding winning “Carolina Cash 5” and Powerball tickets worth a total of nearly half a million dollars. There was just one winner of the \$337,864 top prize in Saturday’s “Carolina Cash 5” drawing. The ticket was purchased at the Kroger on Watkins Road in Durham, but the prize has yet to be claimed.

There was another “Carolina Cash 5” top prize winner the next day. Gary Miller of Cornelius today collected his prize of \$50,000 after matching all five numbers on a ticket he purchased at Cashion’s Quick Stop in Huntersville. He says he will pay bills.

Saturday night’s Powerball drawing also produced two big North Carolina winners. Jeffery Lambert of China Grove purchased a Powerball ticket at Carolina Fast Mart in Concord worth \$50,000. He says it was a great “Christmas present” and he will buy a new car and pay some bills. Another person who bought a ticket in Monroe won \$10,000. The Powerball jackpot for tonight’s drawing is worth an estimated \$75 million!

Also in the last few days, two people have collected prizes worth \$200,000— one from Powerball and the other from a holiday instant scratch-off ticket. Debbie Lindsey’s son bought her a Powerball ticket for Christmas and what a gift it turned out to be. The Greensboro woman says she will reciprocate by buying her son a truck and her daughter a car.

Patricia Harris of Nashville won \$200,000 playing “Merry Money.” She says she was shocked when she realized the ticket she had purchased at Stop and Shop #2 in Rocky Mount was worth that much. She plans to pay off her mortgage and her husband’s truck.

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Winners in the Dec. 23 Powerball drawing:

<b><u>Winner</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Won</u></b>	<b><u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u></b>
Jeffery Lambert	China Grove	\$50,000	Carolina Fast Mart #3 3358 Highway 601, Concord
Unknown		\$10,000	S.P.I. Express 1907-B Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe

**Note: The \$50,000 winner mentioned above matched four of the five white balls and the Powerball. That prize would have been \$10,000, but since the player did Power Play, their prize was multiplied to \$50,000. The multiplier for the drawing was five.**

Winners in the Dec. 20 Powerball drawing:

<b><u>Winner</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Won</u></b>	<b><u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u></b>
Debbie Lindsey	Greensboro	\$200,000	Kwik Stop #2 3902 Liberty Road, Greensboro
Andrew Shearin	Garysburg	\$50,000	Weldon Supermarket 316 Washington Avenue, Weldon

**Note: The above \$200,000 winner won by matching the five white balls, but not the Powerball. The \$50,000 winner matched four of the five white balls and the Powerball. That prize would have been \$10,000, but since the player did Power Play, their prize was multiplied to \$50,000. The multiplier for the drawing was five.**

Instant scratch-off top tier winners:

<b><u>Winner</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Won</u></b>	<b><u>Game Played</u></b>
Patricia Harris	Nashville	\$200,000	"Merry Money"
Dolly Bryant	Cove City	\$7,000	"Blue Ridge Riches"
Brandi Bowman	Wilmington	\$5,555	"Fast 5's"

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